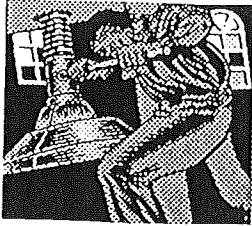


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# Advantages of WAIS Inc. Servers Over Freeware 0.3 Servers

1. Improved natural language search -- enhanced by term and document scoring.
2. Improved relevance feedback -- RF algorithms are based on statistical analysis of search results.
3. Fielded searches -- searches can be limited to field within documents, such as author or date.
4. Custom Parser Toolkit, to customize the indexing of any type of document.
5. WAISgate, a module which allows World Wide Web servers to act as WAIS clients.
6. Weighted Boolean -- more consistent behavior than freeware Boolean.
7. Mixed natural language & Boolean -- natural language queries can include Boolean operators.
8. Capable of indexing large databases -- index is limited only by the maximum size of a single disk (currently, 2 gigabytes)
9. Logging capabilities -- sophisticated reporting on usage statistics per database.
10. Z39.50 -- Interoperability with other information providers.

11. Multi-DB -- allows databases to span multiple disks and be quickly updated.
12. Dates -- ability to handle date ranges in a search. WAIS Inc. is not yet announcing the details or the extent of the capabilities.
13. DB integration -- allows documents to be stored in a traditional database and have WAIS retrieve them to send to the user. This feature will enable other enhancements to be implemented to the WAISserver as well.
14. Grouping of search terms, allowing complex and unambiguous queries.
15. Smaller index size -- one third the size of the freeware index.
16. Identd -- Simple user authentication.
17. Integrated with standard repositories.
18. Documentation -- Robust technical documentation versus almost none for the freeware.
19. Full technical support staff -- not available with freeware.
20. Our customers have formed a WAIS users group for objective discussion and analysis of WAIS Inc.'s server.

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